

REMARKS

Claims 1-40 are pending in the present application. Claims 1, 2, 5, 9, 10, 12, 13, 15, 19, 21-23, and 33 have been amended to better describe the present invention. No new matter has been added.

1. The Examiner objected to informalities in the specification and claim 2. Applicants have amended the specification and claims to correct the informalities. Applicants submit these objects are now moot.

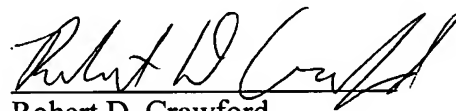
2. The Examiner objected to claims 1, 5, 10, 12, 13, 15, 19, 21-23, and 33 for informalities. Applicants have amended these claims to correct the informalities. Applicants submit these objects are now moot.

3. The Examiner has found claims 1-40 allowable over the prior art of record, and in condition of allowance except for the formal matters addresses hereinbefore. Applicants therefore submit that the present invention is in condition for allowance.

4. In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully requested that the application be reconsidered and allowed. If the Examiner is not prepared to allow all the claims in view of the discussion herein, Applicants hereby respectfully request a phone interview with the Examiner at the Examiner's earliest convenient. Applicants' counsel can be reached at 203-626-3502 (direct dial) between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., or by E-mail at rcrawford@cidra.com.

5. A petition for a two-month extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136 is submitted herewith. Please charge the fee of **\$1020.00** for the three (3) month extension of time to Deposit Account No. 50-0260 Order No. CC-0701. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to this deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,
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A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Robert D. Crawford", written over a horizontal line.

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